GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SUSTAINABLE URBANISATION IN MOUNTAINOUS AREAS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by the Government for sustainable urbanisation in mountainous/hilly areas;

(b) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any policy/guidelines for the development of urban areas, cities and towns situated in mountainous/hilly areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) Urban Development is a state subject and presently, there is no separate central policy for urbanization for hilly/ mountainous areas. However, the responsibility of planned development of cities and towns vests with the State Government.

(b) to (d): Government is addressing the managerial and policy challenges of urbanization by developing 100 smart cities and strengthening the urban infrastructure of existing cities including those situated in hilly states through urban renewal of 500 cities. The contours of the mission are not yet finalized.